

The Old Woman and the Physician
(Aesop)

An Old Woman having lost the use of her eyes, called in a Physician to heal them, and made this bargain with him in the presence of witnesses: that if he should cure her blindness, he should receive from her a sum of money; but if her infirmity remained, she should give him nothing. This agreement being made, the Physician, time after time, applied his salve to her eyes, and on every visit took something away, stealing all her property little by little. And when he had got all she had, he healed her and demanded the promised payment. The Old Woman, when she recovered her sight and saw none of her goods in her house, would give him nothing. The Physician insisted on his claim, and as she still refused, summoned her before the Judge. The Old Woman, standing up in the Court, argued: "This man here speaks the truth in what he says; for I did promise to give him a sum of money if I should recover my sight: but if I continued blind, I was to give him nothing. Now he declares that I am healed. I on the contrary affirm that I am still blind; for when I lost the use of my eyes, I saw in my house various chattels and valuable goods: but now, though he swears I am cured of my blindness, I am not able to see a single thing in it."

Fourth Grade Pre-Test: The Woman and the Physician

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Please read the story, *The Woman and the Physician*. Answer the four questions related to the story.

What do you think the judge will do in this case? Why? Provide evidence from the story to defend your answer.

I think the judge will look in the house to see if there is any items. ~~He~~ ^{He} will figure out who was living.

What does the old woman mean when she says "but now, though he swears I am cured of my blindness, I am not able to see a single thing..."? Provide evidence from the story to defend your answer.

I think ~~the~~ ^{she} old woman says that ~~because~~ ^{because} she thinks the Physician stole all her valuable goods.

What is the moral of this story? Give a reason why you think so.

The moral is the Physican stole all her goods why the woman was blind.

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Lady and the Eye Doctor, Some people dont know what a Physician is, so you can call them a Eye h... I...

The King and the Shirt

A king once fell ill. "I will give half my kingdom to the man who can cure me," he said. All his wise men gathered together to decide how the king could be cured. But no one knew. Only one of the wise men said what he thought would cure the king. "If you can find a happy man, take his shirt, put it on the king – and the king will be cured." The king sent his emissaries to search for a happy man. They traveled far and wide throughout his whole kingdom, but they could not find a happy man. There was no one who was completely satisfied: if a man was rich he was ailing; if he was healthy he was poor; if he was rich and healthy he had a bad wife; or if he had children they were bad – everyone had something to complain of. Finally, late one night, the king's son was passing by a poor little hut and he heard someone say: "Now, God be praised, I have finished my work, I have eaten my fill, and I can lie down and sleep! What more could I want?" The king's son rejoiced and gave orders that the man's shirt be taken and carried to the king, and that the man be given as much money as he wanted. The emissaries went in to take the man's shirt, but the happy man was so poor that he had no shirt.

Fourth Grade Post-Test: The King and the Shirt

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Please read the story, *The King and the Shirt*. Answer the four questions related to the story.

What do you think will happen since the happy man has no shirt? Why? Provide evidence from the story to defend your answer.

Since the happy man has no shirt everyone will look for someone else who was as happy as the man. I know this because they searched along time for the first man and will probly do the same for another.

Why do you think the man without a shirt was happy when no one else was? Provide evidence from the story to defend your answer.

The man with the shirt was happy when no one else was because he was thankful for what he had and was not greedy.

What is the moral of this story? Give a reason why you think so.

The moral is to be happy with what you got. The man in the story was poor but was happy he had something.

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The Happy Man because the whole story every one was looking for a good happy man.